

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,761,610 (Sorensen).

Regarding the rejection of independent Claim 1, Claim 1 has been amended and is further distinguished.

Sorensen teaches a radio communication device having a single-line display which can display only one item of a menu at a time (e.g., see, Column 2, Lines 32-35).

In contrast, amended Claim 1 includes the recitation of wherein said shift command directs said pointer carrier to shift said pointer to a next menu item on a page including a plurality of menu items if said determined duration is shorter than a preset duration, and said shift command directs said pointer carrier to shift said pointer to a next menu page if said determined duration is longer than or equal to said preset duration, which is neither taught nor suggested by Sorensen. Accordingly, as Sorensen does not teach each and every limitation of Claim 1, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) of Claim 22 be withdrawn.

Regarding the rejection of independent Claim 2, the Examiner states that Sorensen teaches each and every limitation of Claim 2. More specifically, the Examiner states that Sorensen teaches the recitation of checking whether or not the timer interrupt has been

previously generated and returning to step (a) if the timer interrupt has been generated and returning to step (a) after shifting the pointer to a next menu if the timer interrupt has not been generated.

With reference to the cited passages and text of Sorensen, it is seen that current (as opposed to previous) key processes are checked; however, the recitation of checking whether or not a timer interrupt has been previously generated could not be found in Sorensen. Accordingly, as Sorensen does not teach or suggest each and every recitation of Claim 2, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) of Claim 2 be withdrawn.

Regarding the rejection of independent Claim 4, this claim includes similar recitations as those contained in Claim 2. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 4 is allowable for at least the same reasons as set forth above with respect to the rejection of Claim 2. Withdrawal of this rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) of Claim 4 is respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejection of independent Claim 5, Claim 5 has been amended and is further distinguished.

Sorensen is discussed above with respect to the rejection of Claims 1-4.

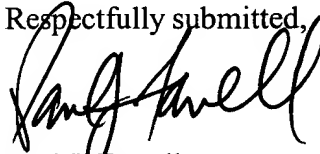
In contrast, amended Claim 5 includes the recitation of returning to step (a) after shifting a pointer currently pointing to a predetermined menu on a page including several menus to a corresponding menu on a next page if the push of the directional button continues for the

predetermined period of time, which is neither taught nor suggested by Sorensen. Accordingly, as Sorensen does not teach or suggest each and every limitation of Claim 5, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e) of Claim 5 be withdrawn.

Dependent Claim 3 is also believed to be in condition for allowance, for at least the reasons given above.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-5, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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